



# CCM 2013 Testimony

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## ***PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE***

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The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) is Connecticut's statewide association of towns and cities and the voice of local government - your partners in governing Connecticut. Our members represent over 92% of Connecticut's population. We appreciate the opportunity to testify on bills of interest to towns and cities.

### **HB 5113      An Act Concerning Pool Safety at Public Schools**

The bill would require a statewide uniform standard regarding pool safety at public schools.

CCM understands the importance and sensitivity of the issue. In recent years, local officials have been doing more with less, but in doing so, they understand the imperative that the integrity of our public safety is not to be compromised.

CCM has a concern that this proposal may impose additional financial burden on local towns and cities. As both the state and local governments face difficult budgets, if additional municipal costs are incurred by this proposal, and those costs become too burdensome to sustain instructional, sporting or recreational activities at public schools, CCM is fearful that these programs may need to be reduced or eliminated.

As formal language is being developed on this proposal, a balanced approach needs to be taken to ensure that public safety is properly protected while also limiting additional financial expense onto towns and cities. Whether a uniform plan would require additional individuals to be located in pool areas during select activities or an annual pool safety plans need to be completed at each facility, the committee needs to be mindful of the cost associated with any expense.

In that effort, CCM would like to work with interested parties and the General Assembly to develop language that will ensure public safety is protected without imposing any additional financial burden.

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